

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are active in the present application. The claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies. Support for Claims 9-12 is found in Claims 3, 6-8 and the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of the case is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to Claim 1 [or 2]

wherein said ceramic substrate is at least one member selected from the group consisting of [among] a nitride ceramic, a carbide ceramic and an oxide ceramic.

6. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to Claim 4 [or 5]

wherein said nitride ceramic board has the form of a disk having a diameter of more than 150 mm.

7. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to Claim 4[, 5 or 6]

wherein the content of at least one element selected from the group consisting of Y, Li, Rb and Ca is not less than 0.1 weight %.

8. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to Claim 4[, 5 or 6]

wherein the content of at least one element selected from the group consisting of Na and B is not less than 0.05 ppm.

Claims 9-12 are new.